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## FACT SHEET

### LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

Effective January 1, 2007, the California Board of Optometry may issue a certificate of registration to practice optometry in the State of California to an optometrist licensed in another state provided they meet all state requirements for endorsement.

## REQUIREMENTS

An optometrist who is licensed in another state may apply for licensure by endorsement providing they meet the following requirements as defined by Business & Professions Code §3057(a)-(e):

- Has a degree as a doctor of optometry issued by an accredited school or college of optometry.
- Has successfully passed the licensing examination for an optometric license in another state.
- Has successfully passed the board's jurisprudence examination.
- Submits proof that he or she is licensed in good standing as of the date of application in every state where he or she holds a license, including compliance with continuing education requirements.
- Submits proof that he or she has been in active practice in a state in which he or she is licensed for a total of at least 5,000 hours in five of the seven consecutive years immediately preceding the date of his or her application.
- Has met the minimum continuing education requirements set forth in §3059 of the Business and Professions Code for the current and preceding year.
- Has met the requirements of §3041.3 to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents.
- Has never had his or her license to practice optometry revoked or suspended.
- Is not subject to denial based on any of the grounds listed in §480.
- Has furnished a signed release allowing the disclosure of information from the National Practitioner Data Bank and, if applicable, the verification of registration status with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. The board shall review this information to determine if it presents sufficient evidence of a violation of this chapter to warrant the submission of additional information from the person or the denial of the application for licensure.
- Is not subject to disciplinary action as set forth in subdivision (h) of §3110. If the person has been subject to disciplinary action, the board shall review this information to determine if it presents sufficient evidence of a violation of this chapter to warrant the submission of additional information from the person or the denial of the application for licensure.
- Submits any other information as specified by the board to the extent it is required for licensure by examination under this chapter.
- Files an application on a form prescribed by the board.
- Pays an application fee of \$275.00.

## IN GOOD STANDING

The term "in good standing," as used in this section, means that a person under this section:

- Is not currently under investigation nor has been charged with an offense for any act substantially related to the practice of optometry by any public agency, nor entered into any consent agreement or subject to an administrative decision that contains conditions placed by an agency upon a person's professional conduct or practice, including any voluntary surrender of license, nor been the subject of an adverse judgment resulting from the practice of optometry that the board determines constitutes evidence of a pattern of incompetence or negligence.
- Has no physical or mental impairment related to drugs or alcohol, and has not been found mentally incompetent by a physician so that the person is unable to undertake the practice of optometry in a manner consistent with the safety of a patient or the public.

## TPA CERTIFICATION

An optometrist applying for licensure through endorsement must be TPA certified, and as such must have met all California TPA certification requirements pursuant to California Code of Regulations §1568(d)-(g).

To view California State requirements for TPA certification, click on the link "Licensee/Applicant Information", and then click on "Fact Sheet – TPA Certification".

## LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURES

Procedures for processing applications by endorsement are currently being developed and will be available on or after January 1, 2007.